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JFK's Must Memo: 'Do This by Nov. 31'

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WASHINGTON. — A memo from the White House recently arrived at a desk in the State Department.

On one corner of the memo was this emphatic note:

"This must be accomplished by Nov. 31, 1963."

It was initialed "J. F. K."

Altho November lacks a 31st day, just to be on the safe side the State Department official concerned plans to have the task accomplished by the end of the month, Nov. 30, theoretically a day in advance.

The Man Who May Know All

Rep. H. Allen Smith (R-Cal.) seems a trifle upset at the Central Intelligence Agency's ability to keep its true cost and other statistics from being revealed to all but a few members of Congress.

"It's a safe bet," Smith wryly noted, "that Kirushchev knows more about the CIA than do

any of us.'